

Latin-American Labor News

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Santo Domingo.

The first election since the United States marines occupied Santo Domingo took place under American supervision. The Party of Alliance under General Velazquez won an overwhelming victory. The party gained 90 per cent of the municipal representations and 25 of the 31 seats in the lower house of congress.

I interviewed some Dominican exiles, as to who this new president Velazquez might be, and the most merciful answer I got was, "He is a poor hapless wretch that has consented to be the instrument of Yankee imperialism in the island." The other remarks will not bear printing.

The election was conducted under supervision of the U. S. navy and the real boss of the island continues to be the American commissioner, Wells. Those of the patriot party that were not in exile or in jail did not dare go near the polls.

Argentina.

The Argentine labor movement is rallying all its forces in an attempt to block the armament program that is preparing Argentina for war with Brazil and Brazil for war with Argentina. The war and armament propaganda is being fomented by American interests who sell munitions to both sides and who realize that the power of Argentina, Brazil, and Chile now represents the only obstacle to Yankee imperialism in South America. A U. S. naval mission under Admiral Vogelsang in Brazil is reconstructing the army and navy. A similar mission is in Peru.

The Argentinian labor movement is conducting a propaganda not only against the armament competition, but also in favor of a unity of Argentina, Brazil and Chile against the real enemy, American imperialism.

Chile.

The Chilean Federation of Labor by an overwhelming vote has re-affirmed its allegiance to the Red International of Labor Unions (Moscow). It voted to publish its daily paper jointly with the Communist Party of Chile.

Peru.

The reaction in this Yankee-ridden country of Peru is still in full swing. The exile of Haya de la Torre and Velazco, leaders of the students movement has been followed by the expulsion of 26 students from the University in Trujillo, who have also been ordered to leave the city in question. Two professors resigned their posts in protest, and the workers, by a general strike, prevented the expulsion of the students from the city from being carried out.

The Argentinian student movement has protested and the Mexican movement is now considering a similar protest. More than 200 papers have thus far reprinted the story of the exile of Haya de la Torre.

Cuba.

A new revolutionary movement is brewing according to Garcia Velez, till recently minister of Cuba in Great Britain, but now in New York trying to "brew" it. The present president of Cuba, Alfredo Zayas, is a creature of the American state department, elected under supervision of the American marines and lending his name to disguise the real government of the American commissioner in the islands, General Crowder.